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**KANSAS
JAYHAWKS**
5-0, 2-0 Big 12

**IOWA STATE
CYCLONES**
3-2, 0-2 Big 12

POSTGAME QUOTES

Head Coach Lance Leipold

On the defensive performance...

"I thought by far this was our best defensive performance, I think, really, since game one. Like you eluded to, we had different guys stepping up and making plays at all three levels. We kept giving them more opportunities it felt like. Even when we were getting stops or getting the ball back, it was a tougher day than usual for the offensive. To see different guys step up and make plays is so encouraging and really exciting, because you're not relying on one or two guys. We made some plays and I'm so proud of them because it easily could have gone the other way."

On Reis Vernon's performance...

"We knew it would be a little more of a defensive struggle and field-position game, probably didn't go for it on fourth, don't know if we did at all today to be quite honest. Tried to play the field-position game a little bit and again, we pinned them back, they made some drives, we got the stops, all that kind of stuff and got the fumble. So, all that was good and again, Reis had a big day. Protection was well, they doubled the gunner on Quentin Skinner because he was getting down. Rich Miller did great job getting down, I think that was him on the fumble. We had some great effort and straining there so again, those are all little things that we have to keep doing."

On playing against ISU's stout defense...

"Yeah I'm looking at this and we only had 46 plays, so that's disappointing, but again, defensively they do a great job at giving you some different looks. Their three-man front is a little unique in some of the ways they operate things. They rally to the ball well, downhill. For us, in the first four games, rhythm, timing and execution on first and second down were so critical to our success and we struggled with that today. That's a credit to them and an area that we have to get better as we approach next week."

On winning ugly and where the team is in the long run...

"Yeah you do, if you're going to be a good football, you have to find a way. We found a way today. It wasn't stellar or glitzy or glamorous, but you can have games like this. We get caught up sometimes in those things because you really start looking at the defensive performance, and we should be really excited. So, we'll get back to work. It says a lot about what we are. Last year, I don't know if we could've kept having that many things not go right, with a penalty or reversal on a call or a flag being picked up. I don't know if we could've rebounded from that and respond the way we did."

On Hishaw's injury...

"Yeah not really right now. He's in good hands and hopefully we'll find out good news here shortly. Our medical staff did an outstanding job. Very unfortunate and we'll see how it goes."